GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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MEETING OF CENTRAL ASIAN OIL PRODUCERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is going to host a meeting of Central Asian Oil Producers with the four largest consumers of Asia-China, Korea, Japan and India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the India is likely to be benefited from the meeting?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The proposed meeting is a sequel to the first Round Table of the Asian Oil Ministers held in New Delhi in January, 2005. The confirmation of convenience of the principal participating countries is awaited. India is trying to forge unity amongst the principal buyers and sellers to ensure oil security and sustained supply at reasonable prices.